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CLASSIFICATION <u>SECRET</u>		SECURITY INFORMATION
COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Military Information from Weisswasser Troop Training Grounds</u>	25X1	
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
DATE OF CONTENT		
DATE OBTAINED	DATE PREPARED <u>6 November 1953</u>	
REFERENCES		
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REMARKS		
This is UNEVALUATED Information		
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1. The following loading and unloading operations were observed at the Weisswasser railroad station between 17 and 21 October 1953: 25X1

At about 10 p.m. on 17 October. 8 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 25X1
 1 salvage tank and truck [redacted] were loaded onto 9 SSy-type cars, and about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia onto about 2 boxcars, for shipment toward Cottbus.

At about 11 p.m. on 18 October. 12 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 25X1
 4 x 57-mm AT guns and trucks [redacted] were unloaded from an undetermined number of flatcars, boxes from 1 boxcar and about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets from 5 boxcars. The train had come from the direction of Cottbus. The troops departed toward Nochten. They were quartered in 10 tents at the artillery range.

Between 5:30 and 9:30 a.m. on 21 October. Trucks [redacted] 25X1
 6 x 82-mm mortars, 2 field kitchens and about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded from a train which had come from the direction of Cottbus. The troops subsequently marched to the infantry firing range where they pitched up tents.

Between 19 and 21 October, tank and AT artillery firing was daily heard from the artillery range. T-34/85 tanks [redacted]. On 20 October, jeep [redacted] occupied by a colonel and 2 majors with tank insignia was en route between Nochten and Boxberg.¹ 25X1

2. On 5 October, the firing range southeast of Nochten was occupied by about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. The unit was catered from a kitchen with 2 x 100-liter boilers and 1 x 200-liter boiler. A colonel announced an occupation of Camp Nochten for the next days. No movements were observed in the vicinity of Altteich Forsthaus and Camp Nochten between 5 and 11 October. On 10 October, 2 trucks [redacted] 25X1 occupied each by about 15 soldiers drove toward the Nochten firing range. On 11 October, 5 T-34 tanks [redacted] and about 60 soldiers arrived at the firing range southeast of Nochten, coming from the direction of Cottbus. Sedan [redacted] 25X1 was also observed.²

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Comment. Motor vehicle and tank [redacted] confirm that the 9th
Mecz Div, too, continued their firing practices.

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